

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

April 20, 2017

Commission Members Present:

Reverend Turner
Bianca Chang
Joan Hash
Peter Hwang
Kui Zhao
Bob Ford
Shiraz Ahmed
Frank Eastham
Ilene Kessler
Misbah Farooqi

Commission Members Absent:

Opel T. Jones
Ivette Lopez

Staff:

Dr. Barbara J. Sands, HRC Executive Secretary
Stephanie Chapple, HRC Recording Secretary
Melissa Goldmeier, HRC Legal Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. HRC CASES UPDATE – LEGAL COUNSEL – HRC members denied appeal for HRC Case No. 17-03-004

4. APPROVE MINUTES

March minutes approved.

5. CHAIR’S REPORT –

- **CR-180** – Commissioners divided into groups (2 members per group) to begin the study with HCC, HCPL, HCPSS, Sheriff’s Office, and Howard County Government. Commissioners conducted initial meetings with agencies; to date, the only agency that hasn’t had an initial meeting is the Sheriff’s Office. Shiraz will contact Dr. Sands to reschedule initial meeting. Reverend Turner will also contact Opel regarding his input and assistance needed during the 2nd meeting with HCPL. Kui and Opel are assigned to HCPL.
- Peter and Ilene requested additional assistance from other members since Howard County Government is the largest agency being studied. Kui and Reverend Turner agreed to assist Peter and Ilene.
- Response to Letter addressed to HRC from Councilman Ball Re. 12.208-3e. Due to content of letter, members would like to (1) confirm if the letter is referring to HRC or OHR, (2) get clarification on how administrative remedies are handled. At the Chair’s request, all members should submit any questions, suggestions, or concerns to Stephanie via email no later than Wednesday, 4/26/17. Stephanie will forward all emails to Reverend Turner. A draft summary will be written and circulated to all members for final edits. Following circulation of draft summary, HRC’s response will be sent to Dr. Ball.

9. NEW BUSINESS – Two candidates’ names were forwarded from the County Executive for consideration to the County Council for recommendation to serve on the HRC. HRC currently has 2 open seats.

II. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.